

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A print job creation apparatus that creates a
print job to print an image, said print job creation
5 apparatus comprising:

an information storage module that stores
information;

an interruption process module that, in response
to an interruption command received in the middle of
10 creation of a print job, stores the print job in the middle
of its creation as a print job under creation into said
information storage module and makes ready for creation
of a new print job; and

a resumption process module that, in response to
15 a resumption command to resume interrupted creation of
a print job under creation, reads the print job under
creation from said information storage module and resumes
an original state when the interruption command was
received, so as to make ready for continuing creation
20 of the print job under creation.

2. A print job creation apparatus in accordance with
claim 1, wherein each print job is created through

multiple steps including an image registration step, a template selection step, and a print instruction step.

3. A print job creation apparatus in accordance with
5 claim 2, wherein the multiple steps further include a layout editing step between the template selection step and the print instruction step.

4. A print job creation apparatus in accordance with
10 claim 1, said print job creation apparatus further comprising:

a job display module that displays a list of print jobs under creation.

15 5. A print job creation apparatus in accordance with claim 4, wherein said job display module displays details of each print job under creation.

6. A print job creation apparatus in accordance with
20 claim 4, said print job creation apparatus further comprising:

a comment input module that enters a comment as a piece of information regarding each print job under

creation,

wherein said job display module displays the
comment on the print job under creation.

5 7. A print job creation apparatus in accordance with
claim 4, wherein said job display module receives the
resumption command.

8. A print job creation apparatus in accordance with
10 claim 1, said print job creation apparatus further
comprising:

a job file output module that, in response to an
output instruction including specification of a print
job under creation, outputs the specified print job under
15 creation as a job file in a predetermined format.

9. A print job creation apparatus in accordance with
claim 8,
wherein each print job is created through multiple steps
20 including an image registration step, a template
selection step, and a print instruction step, and
said job file output module outputs a print job under
creation, which is at a stage after the template selection

step, as a job file.

10. A print job creation apparatus in accordance
with claim 1, said print job creation apparatus further
5 comprising:

a job input module that, in response to a job input
instruction including specification of a job file, inputs
a print job under creation from the specified job file
and stores the input print job under creation into said
10 information storage module.

11. A print job creation apparatus in accordance
with claim 1, wherein each print job is created by
selecting one print service among multiple print
15 services.

12. A print job creation apparatus in accordance
with claim 11, wherein the multiple print services
include at least one of an enlargement printing service,
20 a digest printing service, a calendar printing service,
a postcard printing service, a photo name card printing
service, an ID photograph printing service, a seal
printing service, a label printing service, and an album

printing service.

13. A print job creation apparatus in accordance with claim 11, said print job creation apparatus further
5 comprising:

a duplication process module that, in response to a duplication instruction with specification of a print job under creation, duplicates a registered image corresponding to the specified print job under creation,
10 creates a new print job under creation at a stage of registering the duplicated image, and stores the new print job under creation into said information storage module.

15 14. A print job creation apparatus in accordance with claim 13, said print job creation apparatus further comprising:

an execution process module that, in response to an execution instruction with specification of a created
20 print job, stores the contents of the specified print job as an executed print job into said information storage module,

wherein said duplication process module, in

response to a duplication instruction with specification of an executed print job, duplicates a registered image corresponding to the specified executed print job, creates a new print job under creation at a stage of
5 registering the duplicated image, and stores the new print job under creation into said information storage module.

15. A print job creation apparatus in accordance
10 with claim 13, wherein said duplication process module creates a new print job under creation with respect to a different print service, which is different from a selected print service in the specified print job under creation or executed print job, and stores the new print
15 job under creation with respect to the different print service into said information storage module.

16. A print job creation apparatus in accordance with claim 1, said print job creation apparatus further
20 comprising:

a duplication process module that, in response to a duplication instruction with specification of a print job under creation, duplicates a registered image

corresponding to the specified print job under creation,
creates a new print job under creation at a stage of
registering the duplicated image, and stores the new
print job under creation into said information storage
5 module.

17. A print job creation apparatus in accordance
with claim 16, said print job creation apparatus further
comprising:

10 an execution process module that, in response to
an execution instruction with specification of a created
print job, stores the contents of the specified print
job as an executed print job into said information storage
module,

15 wherein said duplication process module, in
response to a duplication instruction with specification
of an executed print job, duplicates a registered image
corresponding to the specified executed print job,
creates a new print job under creation at a stage of
20 registering the duplicated image, and stores the new
print job under creation into said information storage
module.

18. A print job management system comprising multiple print job creation apparatuses and a job management apparatus, which are connected via a network, each of said multiple print job creation

5 apparatuses comprising: an information storage module that stores information; an interruption process module that, in response to an interruption command received in the middle of creation of a print job, stores the print job in the middle of its creation as a print job under
10 creation into said information storage module and makes ready for creation of a new print job; a resumption process module that, in response to a resumption command to resume interrupted creation of a print job under creation, reads the print job under creation from said
15 information storage module and resumes an original state when the interruption command was received, so as to make ready for continuing creation of the print job under creation; a transmission process module that, in response to a transmission instruction including transmission
20 destination information and specification of a print job under creation, sends the specified print job under creation as a job file in a predetermined format and the transmission destination information to said job

management apparatus; and a reception process module that receives a job file sent from said job management apparatus, inputs a print job under creation from the received job file, and stores the input print job under
5 creation into said information storage module,

said job management apparatus comprising: an information storage module that stores information; a job file reception module that receives a job file with transmission destination information sent from one of
10 said multiple print job creation apparatuses and stores the received job file in relation to the transmission destination information into said information storage module; and a job file transmission module that sends a job file stored in said information storage module to
15 a print job creation apparatus, which is specified as a transmission destination by transmission destination information stored in relation to the job file, at a preset timing.

20 19. A print job management system in accordance with claim 18, wherein the preset timing is an output timing of a transmission request of a job file from any one of said multiple print job creation apparatuses via the

network, and

said job file transmission module included in said job management apparatus extracts a job file stored in said information storage module in relation to

5 transmission destination information, which specifies said print job creation apparatus of the request sender as the transmission destination, and sends the extracted job file to said print job creation apparatus of the request sender.

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20. A print job management system in accordance with claim 18, wherein said transmission process module included in each of said print job creation apparatuses receives a comment and sends a job file with the received
15 comment to said job management apparatus.

21. A print job management system in accordance with claim 18, wherein each of said multiple print job creation apparatuses creates each print job through multiple steps
20 including an image registration step, a template selection step, and a print instruction step, and

said transmission process module included in said each print job creation apparatus sends a print job under

creation at a stage after the template selection step to said job management apparatus.

22. A job management apparatus that manages
5 transmission of print jobs under creation between multiple print job creation apparatuses via a network, where each of said multiple print job creation apparatuses creates a print job to print an image through multiple steps, said job management apparatus
10 comprising:

an information storage module that stores information;

a job file reception module that receives a job file, which is a file of a print job under creation, with
15 transmission destination information for specifying a print job creation apparatus as a transmission destination from one of said multiple print job creation apparatuses via the network and stores the received job file in relation to the transmission destination
20 information into said information storage module; and

a job file transmission module that sends a job file stored in said information storage module to a print job creation apparatus, which is specified as a transmission

destination by transmission destination information
stored in relation to the job file, at a preset timing.

23. A job management apparatus in accordance with
5 claim 22, wherein the preset timing is an output timing
of a transmission request of a job file from any one of
said multiple print job creation apparatuses via the
network, and

said job file transmission module extracts a job
10 file stored in said information storage module in
relation to transmission destination information, which
specifies said print job creation apparatus of the
request sender as the transmission destination, and sends
the extracted job file to said print job creation
15 apparatus of the request sender.